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## Long recoveries for young missionaries

BILLINGS, Mont. (BP) — The Vangsnes family of Spartanburg, S.C., and the Minear family of Marietta, Ga., cling to their strong Christian faith as they continue to pray for their sons' recovery from serious injuries in an SUV rollover accident on Interstate 90 near Belgrade, Mt., on July 21.

One month following the wreck, 21-year-old Jeremy Vangsnes is still the most critical of the four victims, who included two other Vangsnes brothers and Scott Minear. Jeremy has since been moved from St. Vincent's Hospital in Billings to a nearby acute, long-term care center.

The young men were four of 17 Innovator resort missionaries with the North American Mission Board (NAMB) who had been on assignment at Yellowstone National Park in Montana since the Memorial Day weekend. Their stint was slated to end in early August. The accident occurred during an eight-hour side trip to Glacier Park.

"Jeremy will open his eyes and can hear us," said his dad Mark, who along with wife Kathy left their home in Spartanburg to spend the last month in Billings with their severely injured son. Jeremy is now off a ventilator and breathing on his own.

"I read some Scripture to him today [Aug. 19] and he opened his eyes halfway," Mark Vangsnes said. Mark and Kathy hope to soon fly their son back to South Carolina aboard a special medical jet, once they've finalized plans with an acute long-term facility in Spartanburg.

"Jeremy has a long way to go but he continues to endure and push on," Mark said. For the first time in a month, Jeremy is scheduled to sit up sometime this week and be wheeled out of his room.

His steps in healing will be small and slow and "we'll take every one we get," his dad said. "He's got so many positives going for him. He's young, an athlete, and all his vital signs are good," his father said.

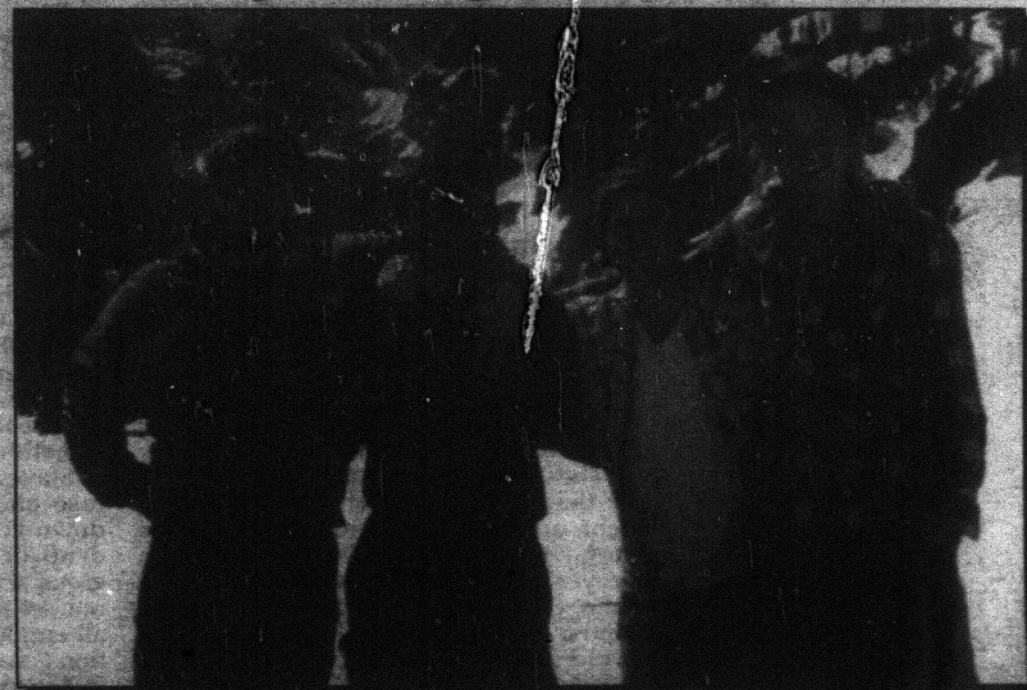
Jeremy was a competitive long-distance runner at Coastal Carolina University prior to the accident.

Mark Vangsnes said in the last conversation he had with his middle son, Jeremy told him how he and NAMB resort missionary Brad Lartigue completed an eight-hour, 115-mile bike ride across 8,000-foot passes through Yellowstone National Park.

He was so proud, saying, "Dad, you won't believe what Brad and I did."

The elder Vangsnes said support from Southern Baptists — from their home church, First Church, Spartanburg, S.C., to Baptists in Montana — has been "unreal. Right now, we're staying with a local family only five minutes from Jeremy's facility. The Baptist body of Christ has just overwhelmed us."

"Kathy and I are doing as well as can be expected under the circumstances," he said. "We go to bed at night and go to sleep immediately. We wake up early in the morning, raring to go and face another day. Sure, we have our down days but overall, we're doing well. We believe that God is upholding and sustaining us, and the prayer going up for us is amazing."



**HAPPIER TIMES** — Dan Vangsnes (far left), and Jeremy (second from right), his younger brother, remain in separate hospitals in Montana, recovering from a serious SUV rollover accident on I-90 near Belgrade, Mt., on July 21. Their 19-year-old brother Ryan (far right) suffered cuts and bruises but has returned to their home in Spartanburg, S.C. In this photo taken prior to the accident, the Vangsnes brothers are hiking with North American Mission Board resort missionary Brad Lartigue (second from left). (BP photo)

Jeremy's 24-year-old brother Dan remains in the Bozeman Deaconess Hospital in Bozeman, where he is recuperating from severe knee injuries that will likely require surgery. Unlike Jeremy, Dan faced no life-threatening spine or brain injuries in the accident.

Nineteen year-old Ryan, the third Vangsnes son in the accident, suffered only cuts and bruises and is back in Spartanburg.

Scott Minear, 20, a University of Georgia junior, was the driver of the SUV and suffered a fractured skull and a broken C5 vertebra in his neck. He recently was moved to St. Vincent Hospital's New Hope Rehabilitation Center in Billings.

He continues to wear a halo device to stabilize his broken neck, but his mother Tammy reports that all other tubes, IVs, and wires have been removed.

"The results of X-rays this week weren't as good as we hoped, so Scott will probably have to have some neck surgery. He'll have to wear the halo until the surgery stabilizes his neck," she said.

Alert and talkative, Scott gets on his computer every night to communicate with friends back in Athens, Ga.

"Through Skype, Scott's worshipping with the UGA (University of Georgia) Baptist Campus Ministry every Tuesday night," his mother said. In a surprise visit, several of his friends drove or flew to Billings to see him right after the accident.

"To even begin to describe the body of Christ at work during this is impossible," she said. "We're awestruck. How quickly

so many people from so many different avenues — the Southern Baptist Convention, NAMB, local churches — responded. Churches here are ministering to us with their presence, with food, drinks, places to stay.

"All the prayers have been so felt... [W]e have been constantly aware of people praying for us. We feel like we're wrapped up not only in God's arms, but in the arms of people around the world, who are praying for us."

Calling Scott a "remarkable" young man, his mother said she could not be prouder of him. "I'm thrilled that in the insanity of these circumstances, his faith is strong. He continues to trust the Lord for the future. Nothing can do a mom's heart more good than to see her child respond like that."

She admitted that Scott, like Jeremy Vangsnes, has a long road to total recovery. "Every move of every muscle is still a huge effort, but they tell us that's normal and it takes time to build those muscles back up. He still has some paralysis on his left side but he is moving and walking with the support of someone on both sides."

"The big thing is his left hand. He plays the guitar and wants to be able to play again. We're praying that God will restore it."

Scott's father Frank recently returned to their home in Marietta, Ga., near Atlanta, to take care of Scott's sisters Shelbie, 17, and Colby, 12, who recently began the new school year. The Minears are members of Crosspointe Community Church, a Southern Baptist Convention congregation in Roswell, Ga.



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## Taking a street sweeper to our rights

Who would have ever thought it could happen here, in America, where our hallowed Constitution guarantees individual citizens not only the right to worship as we please but also the right of free speech? Those remarkable guarantees, for which so many have fought and died, must sound hollow these days in the ears of Frank Lay and Robert Freeman.

Lay has been principal for nearly 20 years at Pace High School, at the far western end of the Florida Panhandle. Freeman is the athletic director at the school. Lay and Freeman, along with every other employee of the Santa Rosa School District, have been laboring under what amounts to a gag order in regard to their freedom of religion and expression.

The American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) in 2008 filed a lawsuit against the school district, with the intention of stamping out any trace of religion in the district's facilities. The district superintendent, Tim Wyrosdick, and the local school board raced to work out a settlement with the ACLU bullies that would save their own skins — and preserve their positions — at any cost.

The draconian measures demanded by the ACLU, to which the superintendent and school board were only so happy to agree, included a total ban on prayer and religious activities at any time — before, during, and after school hours. An employee of the school district could not so much as bow his/her head in silent prayer before eating lunch on district property.

At the Pace High School graduation on May 30, many seniors stood to recite the Lord's Prayer and wore crosses on their caps in protest. Family and friends in the packed stands applauded the students' actions. It was obviously an overwhelmingly unpopular decision on the part of Wyrosdick and the school board.

Into this fray steps Lay, who asked Freeman to pray before a meal at a recent athletic booster club function in the high school's field house. Freeman prayed without hesitation.

"I did it primarily out of habit. It's just something we've always done," Lay told the Florida Baptist Witness newspaper. "I have been painted here as somewhat of a rebel. I don't consider myself that, nor do I want to be. I am a Christian. I am not ashamed of my faith."

For that small, simple gesture, federal District Judge Case Rodgers has initiated criminal contempt proceedings and turned the two men over to the local U.S. Attorney's Office for prosecution. The case against Lay and Freeman is scheduled for trial in mid-September.

Matthew Staver, an attorney with Liberty Counsel in Orlando, FL, told the Florida Baptist Witness, "The school cannot enter into an agreement that will violate the constitutional rights of parents and teachers. They simply cannot do something that unconstitutional."

Staver said the difference between this case and others the court has handed down concerning when and where students or employees may gather for religious activities or prayer, is that it does not set standards but instead addresses all employees, at all school-related functions, at all times.

The consent decree does not allow for club sponsorships, parent and child relationships,

or simply someone who wants to "bow their head in respect" when others are praying. Staver pointed out to the newspaper.

"It's a breathtakingly broad ruling," Staver said. "That's why these individuals and staff have to look over their shoulders. It's on or off campus. It involves not only participating in any religious activity, but giving consent or approval of someone's activity. It absolutely takes a street sweeper to religious expression."

Staver said Liberty Counsel plans to get involved, both in the matter of the ACLU gag order and the specific cases against Lay and Freeman. That's good, because the political cowards running the school district have refused to intervene in defense of their two longtime employees — even to the point of denying them much-needed legal assistance.

"The district is letting the principal and the athletic director flap in the wind. They are cutting them loose because they are intimidated because of the ACLU," Staver told the Florida Baptist Witness.

"The district cannot be in collusion with the ACLU... any more than it can agree to segregation," when it comes to the constitutional rights of its employees, Staver said.

"What's not the Christian thing to do is just to walk away whenever the Gospel is at stake, to think it's just irrelevant. These are fundamental liberties that we have: the free exercise of religion and free speech. Those are liberties we cannot take for granted," Staver said. "These liberties are inalienable rights that come from our God."

Mississippi Baptists would do well to monitor closely this pathetic situation as it unfolds. One day soon, it will be our turn to stand up for what is right in the same way as these courageous Floridians. Count on it.

Having lived in the Middle East for the past 10 years, my husband and I experienced many interesting and even inconsistent behaviors with our Muslim friends during their holy month of Ramadan.

Ramadan lasts for 30 days and occurs approximately two weeks earlier each year with the exact dates determined by the sighting of the moon. This year Ramadan began around Aug. 22.

This is a special month for Muslims because they believe they can become closer to Allah (God) only during this time. They further believe they have a better chance of God hearing and answering their prayers. Everything must be observed according to the Koran and the teachings of their prophet, Muhammad.

As you might imagine, Muslims are highly legalistic about observing Ramadan. No one is allowed to eat or drink anything from one hour before sunrise until about 30 minutes after sunset. Foreigners like us also must not be seen eating or drinking during that time or, in some countries, we may be brought before the authorities and temporarily imprisoned.

The evening meal, or "breaking the fast," is called Iftar. In one

## GUEST OPINION:



### A Christian looks at Ramadan

By Anne Fortenberry

of our countries a cannon was shot to indicate the beginning time for the evening meal. We often sat in a circle on the floor with the food placed in front of us as we waited to hear the cannon. Since Muslims are required to be generous during Ramadan, they feel inclined to invite foreigners to break the fast.

However, we also experienced challenges. Some of the nicest people often experienced a complete personality change when they drove an automobile. They would become aggressive and angry. During Ramadan we knew to stay off the road between 2:30 and 4:30 in the afternoon because people were getting off from work, visiting the supermarket, and rushing home to prepare the evening meal.

These once-precious people became so hungry at this point that irritability and grumpiness seem to become the norm. We also saw numerous motor vehicle accidents during this time of day. Shopping also became more difficult because of shortened work hours during Ramadan. Many times we could only shop late in the afternoon or at night because most of the stores were closed during the day.

This illustrates the basic reversal of days and nights during Ramadan. After the evening meal, our friends would go shopping, run errands, eat again around midnight, stay up and talk until 3 or 4 am, eat breakfast before sunrise, and then go to bed. In a couple of hours they would awake to get

the children off to school. Some would then go to work; others would go back to bed. This lack of sleep also added to the additional irritability.

Even with all of these challenges, Muslims believe Ramadan truly is a beautiful time. For us, the only beautiful result of Ramadan was the fellowship with different families, the delicious meals, and the view of our friends in their new clothes, which was part of the Eid celebration that lasts for about four days after Ramadan.

Despite the parts that we enjoyed, we as Christians know that this holy month is basically "chasing after the wind." Especially during Ramadan, please pray for Muslims. We love them and want them to know Jesus, our One and Only, so they will know the real Truth and be disciplined.

Fortenberry has served as a Southern Baptist missionary, a university lecturer and division chair, and a health care consultant. She holds a master of science from the University of Southern Mississippi and a bachelor of science from Mississippi College. She recently has released a book, *Faith that Works: A Topical Study on the Book of James* (Hannibal Books, 2009). Her commentary appears courtesy of Baptist Press.



# Land: President can clarify abortion stance

WASHINGTON (BP) — U.S. President Barack Obama, who denied two days in a row abortion will be federally funded under proposed health care reform, could easily clear up the controversy by endorsing efforts to exclude the procedure from such legislation, said Southern Baptist ethicist Richard Land, president of the Ethics and Religious Liberty Commission (ERLC) of the Southern Baptist Convention.

In an August 19 webcast call-in organized by left-leaning religious organizations, Obama said abortion would not be underwritten by the government in health care reform. Citing what he described as some "distortion[s]" about health care proposals, the president told listeners, "You've heard that this is all going to mean government funding of abortion. Not true. These are all fabrications...."

The president told supporters August 20 at a health care forum at the Washington, D.C., headquarters of the Democratic National Committee, "There are no plans under health reform to revoke" current bans on federal money for abortion.

Major pro-life organizations

responded quickly after Obama's August 19 comments, saying the president's denial misrepresented current proposals. The bill (H.R. 3200) working its way through the House of Representatives explicitly permits a public option to fund elective abortions, they pointed out.

The conflict can be easily resolved, said Land.

"There's a very simple way to solve this dilemma — that is to support language that specifically excludes abortion," Land told Baptist Press. "Pro-life Democrats, in alliance with pro-life Republicans in the House, have

tried repeatedly to get such abortion-exclusionary language into the various bills that are in the Congress, and they have been rebuffed every time.

"If, as the president alleges, abortion is not to be considered a covered procedure in any government option, what's the problem with specifically saying so by excluding it in the legislative language? I would encourage President Obama to pick up the phone and call his party's leaders in the House and tell them to drop their opposition to specifically excluding abortion as a covered procedure in any proposed legisla-

tion," he said.

Among the pro-life organizations that said Obama misrepresented the abortion impact of proposed health care reform were the National Right to Life Committee (NRLC), Family Research Council, and Susan B. Anthony List.

"Public support for abortion is on decline, and the president knows that openly advancing an abortion mandate in health care reform is unpopular with the American people," said Marjorie Dannenfelser, president of the Susan B. Anthony List.

"Therefore, it comes as no surprise that Obama's statements conflict with the proposed legislation. Americans demand an explicit exclusion of abortion coverage, not more obfuscation and confusion from the president and his allies," she said.

Committees in both the U.S. House of Representatives and the U.S. Senate rejected efforts to exclude abortion funding from health care legislation. The House Energy and Commerce Committee defeated two amendments from Reps. Bart Stupak, D-Mich., and Joe Pitts, R-Penn., on July 30-31.

One amendment would have prohibited abortion from being required as part of a basic health benefits package in government and private plans. The other amendment would have barred federal funds from paying for an abortion or covering any part of a health plan that includes coverage of abortion.

Though the House Energy and Commerce Committee rejected pro-life efforts at amending the bill, it adopted an amendment by Rep. Lois Capps, D-Calif., that was portrayed as maintaining the current bans on federal funding of

abortion.

Pro-lifers described it as a "phony compromise," however.

The amendment by Capps, a pro-choice advocate, would allow the "public health insurance option," which would be paid for by the federal government, to fund elective abortions, as long as the funds came only from enrollee premiums.

Pro-lifers call it a bookkeeping scam, being that all the money in the public plan is public money.

In a nine-page analysis, the ERLC reported the House proposal "does allow insurers to include abortion as a benefit and also allows federal money to be used for abortions." The ERLC said the America's Affordable Health Choices Act, H.R. 3200, would undoubtedly be interpreted to mandate abortion funding.

It is not only pro-life organizations that say current health reform bills would fund abortions. The Associated Press reported in an August 5 article the congressional measures would permit "a new government-sponsored insurance plan to cover abortions."

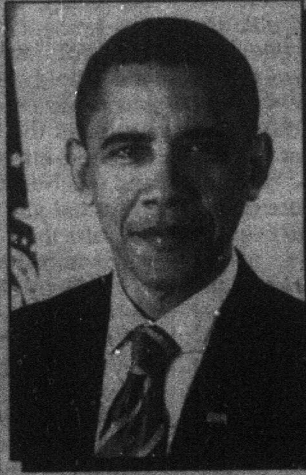
Three House committees have approved H.R. 3200. A Senate panel has endorsed a health care reform proposal, but the Finance Committee is seeking to craft a bipartisan version. Both chambers are in recess until September 8.

The ERLC's analysis of H.R. 3200 is accessible online at [www.erc.com](http://www.erc.com).

The August 19 call on which Obama denied abortion funding is part of health reform was sponsored by Faith in Public Life, Catholics in Alliance for the Common Good, People Improving Communities Through Organizing (PICO), and Sojourners.



Land



Obama

## Hammond speaks

ATLANTA (BP and local reports) — A week after resigning as president of the North American Mission Board (NAMB) under pressure from the agency's trustees, Geoff Hammond said he is glad to have played a role in helping Southern Baptists "live with urgency" in reaching the continent for Christ. His remarks provide the first public response since the day-long meeting of the NAMB trustee board that led to the resignations of Hammond and three of his top associates. "The events as they unfolded last Tuesday [Aug. 11] were a shock to me. Although I am not at liberty to discuss the details, needless to say my resignation was not for moral, ethical or fiduciary responsibility but there were methodological differences," Hammond told the TEXAN, the news journal of the Southern Baptists of Texas convention, in an e-mail he also made available to Baptist Press. "I still feel God led me to the North American Mission Board for a purpose — to help Southern Baptists see North America as a mission field and to live with urgency reaching this continent for Christ." Board chairman Tim Patterson of Florida would not elaborate on the cause of the disagreement with Hammond, stating in Aug. 11 remarks that they "worked through some very difficult issues" and "carried out their responsibilities today in a way that has been honorable, thorough and fair." Hammond said in his e-mail, "[D]espite what occurred, I am still grateful to have had an opportunity to influence Southern Baptists to reach North America for Christ and to help them understand that it will take missionary thinking and practices to achieve that goal. I praise the Lord that Southern Baptists are still so mission minded and we are still planting a new church in North America every six hours. Southern Baptists have some of the most effective servants of the Lord in their North American missionaries and partners."

## Looking back

### 10 years ago

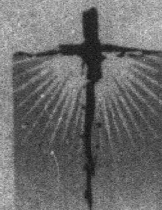
International Mission Board representatives Tom and Cynthia Martin, First Church, Clinton, and Trey Wooten, Morrison Heights Church, Clinton, are working with the Guarayu people of Bolivia in the aftermath of wildfires.

### 20 years ago

The morning after being selected Miss Mississippi, Cherry Busby takes the time to read her Bible, as usual. Busby is a member of Calvary Church, Tupelo. When asked how she deals with the pressures of pageant competition, she says, "Pray about it."

### 30 years ago

Evangelist Billy Graham suggests to President Eisenhower that he take Nikita S. Krushchev to church when the Soviet premier visits the United States later this year.



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"But as many as received him, to them he gave the right to become children of God, even to those who believe in his name." (John 1:12)

If you make a decision for Jesus Christ today, contact a local Baptist church for spiritual guidance.



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Have fun with cryptography and exercise your Bible knowledge. A King James Version Bible verse has been encoded by letter substitution. The same letter is substituted throughout the puzzle. Solve by trial and error. Answer to last week's puzzle: Philippians One: Six

## BEWARE OF DOGS

The Apostle Paul, the great theologian, passionate missionary, and spiritual giant, wrote these words, "Beware of the dogs" (Phil. 3:2). I frequently see this verse of Scripture in communities where people put it on their fences, but I do not believe that's where Paul got this information. There are many verses in the Bible that hopefully one day we can sit around a small platform and listen to the Apostle Paul expound on what he was actually writing. It is clear that the great Apostle is not warning people about dogs that just happen to come to church, though through the years I have seen a number of those church dogs. Sometimes they belong to the pastor and his kids, and sometimes they are just strays that show up for church every Sunday. As friendly as they may seem, some folks watch them with a cautious glance and a slight concern, feeling that the dog may feel provoked or in danger and suddenly bite someone. It can happen.

Apparently, the dogs to which Paul was referring are people — people who may be endangering the flock of God. We are not altogether sure what they are doing to hurt the church. It could be theological errors that lead people astray. Maybe it would lead them away from the Scriptures or their walk with God. Maybe it would lead them into something that would poison the fellowship and corrode relationships. Any of those things would be wrong and hurtful to the cause of Christ. Even today, we could learn some valuable lessons from the dog pound.

One lesson that would be significant to note is that Paul was not just characterizing some people as dogs but rather they had characterized themselves by their actions. Dogs snarl, growl, bluster, and act as though they are going to hurt you even though they may not be able to, and they get a lot of attention regardless of their size or strength. I have seen some small dogs with big mouths and some big dogs whose bark was not very substantial. As you well know, while dogs may carry on fiercely, few of them have a bite that is equal to their bark.

Another lesson that is worth noting is that while virtually all dogs can bark, it is strange but true that some of their barking seems to be threatening and others have a bark that seems to be somewhat friendly.



## Directions

Jim Futral, executive director-treasurer  
Mississippi Baptist Convention Board

I do not have a degree in barkology, but I have observed this tendency both in dogs that I have run into through the years and frankly in engaging with a few people over decades. You can mark this down for a certainty: There are some dogs that bark and will hurt you. There are other dogs that just seem to be barking because they have a barker that needs to be exercised.

I have met a few folks who just bark about everything. They bark about all of the things that they do not like, whether it is the temperature, the music, or the length of the service — but what is interesting about them is that sometimes they will even bark about stuff with which they agree and do like. It is not that they have a bad attitude or even that they are really upset about anything; they just seem to be born to bark. Do not be mistaken — there are barking dogs that are cunning, and they can be vicious, destructive, and even deadly.

Another lesson to keep in mind about dogs is that they encourage each other. If somebody comes walking through a neighborhood and one dog starts barking, the other dogs will start barking just because they heard the announcement that they were supposed to bark or, as I saw recently when I was visiting a home, there were two dogs inside the fence. One was about the size of my foot, and the other one was about the size of two of me. The little one got to the gate first but made no sounds and just stood there staring as I walked up to the entryway. Then the big dog came loping across the yard toward me with his "woof! woof!" in full throat. When he got within 10-15 feet of me, the little dog went berserk barking, clamoring, and making sure that he let me know that he was a mean dude. He just barked,

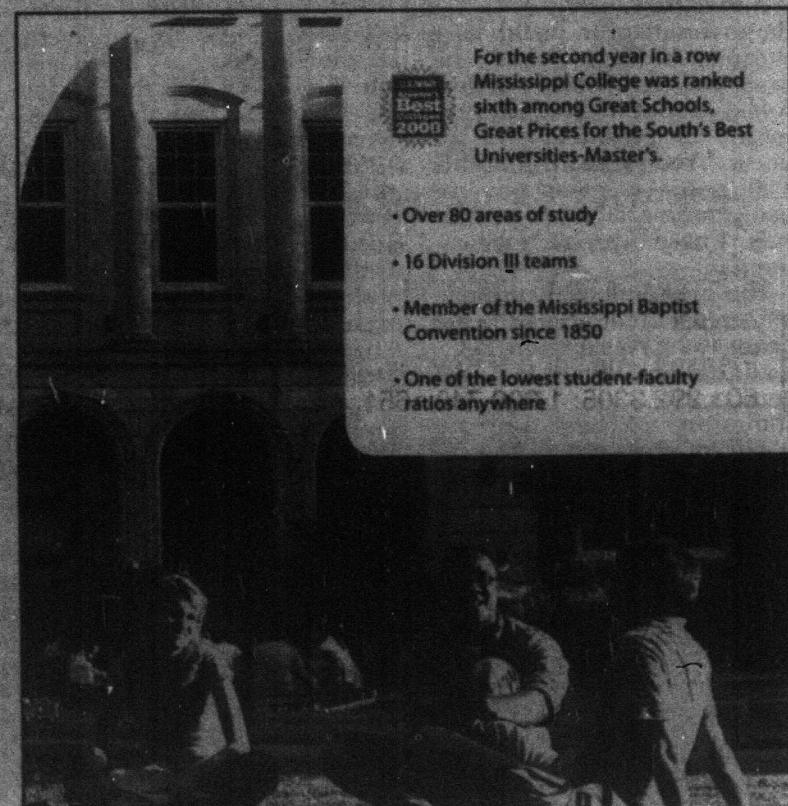
yelped, and chattered as long as the big dog was there, but when the big dog backed off, the little dog did likewise.

It seems as though their size grows and their courage increases when others are taking the lead in the barkathon. You have seen that happen with people who mumble and grumble in the background under their breath, and unless somebody else steps forward, that is all you will hear. However, if somebody else is out front, then they get really worked up, really involved, and their courage seems to become inflated.

You can also see this picture of a dog's courage when they

have a fence between them and the object of their bark. It is somewhat amazing to see how dogs as well as some people grow in their bravery when they are hiding behind something or somebody. Paul's admonition is that we are to "Beware of the dogs." He did not tell us that we needed to avoid doing what needed to be done because of the dogs, and he did not tell us that we need to live in constant fear of the dogs. He just said beware or watch out for the dogs. As Paul constantly did as he wrote, he had the welfare and care of his readers in mind. He indicated in the previous verse that what he was writing was to make them safe. I am confident that the Philippian readers knew what he was talking about, and probably many of you clearly understand. So take heed and beware of the dogs!

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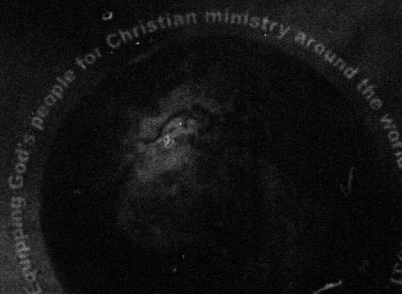
Our council will convene at 3 p.m. on Monday, October 26,  
2009, in the Skyroom on the 4th floor.

All Mississippi bivocational/small church **MINISTERS AND  
THEIR WIVES** are invited to a **BANQUET AND DIALOGUE** at  
5 p.m. We will break at 6:30 to attend the Pastors Conference  
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Please E-mail or call Kay McDonnell (kmcaddonell@mbcb.org or  
601.292.3305; 1.800.748.1651, ext. 305) to confirm your attendance.

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## Ministers' Wives Conference

Monday, October 26, 2009, 1:15 – 4:45 p.m.  
First Baptist Church Chapel, Jackson

**Nancy Burgess**  
Guest Speaker

Nancy is founder and director of Heart and Soul Connection, a national, cross-denominational lifeline ministry for ministers' wives and their families.

### Registration

Preregistration is encouraged so that we may better prepare.

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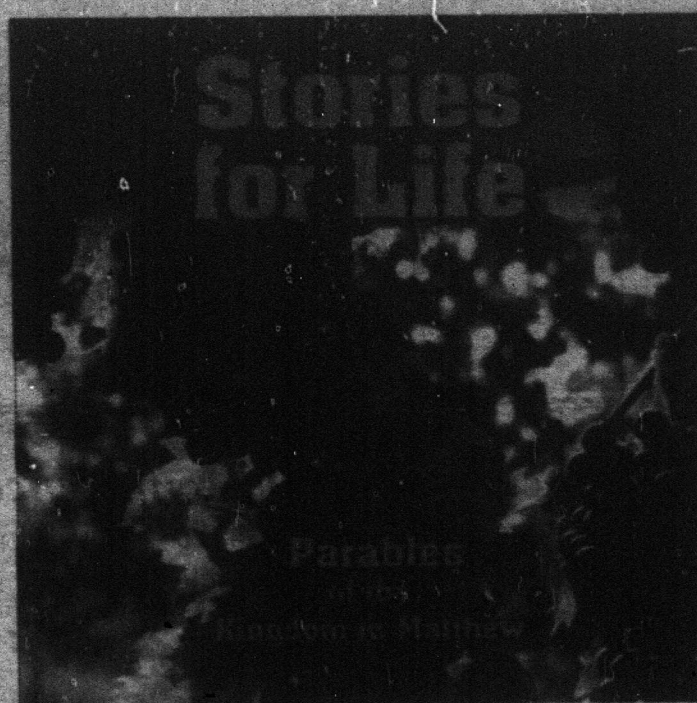
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JANUARY 2010

## BIBLE STUDY PREVIEW CLINICS

### TEACHING



**Gene Henderson**, former pastor of FBC, Brandon, and currently a transitional pastor, Chairman of Transformation Jackson and consultant for churches in the area of leadership training

**Tuesday, September 15, 2009**

DELTA STATE UNIVERSITY  
CLEVELAND

**Wednesday, September 16, 2009**

MISSISSIPPI COLLEGE  
CLINTON

**Thursday, September 17, 2009**

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**Monday, September 21, 2009**

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*Henry Blackaby*

Thailand is considered a major destination for PEDOPHILE sex tourists because of the increasing number of children brought into the sex industry. Project "Rescue the Perishing" provides hope for children trapped on the streets along the border of Thailand and Myanmar. Please pray for these children who are longing for the hope of a different life.

Joel and Judy are MSC missionaries serving as volunteerism directors with the Lubbock Association. Pray for favor, direction and leadership for Judy as she recruits people God is calling to serve through MSC.

Erick and Yami are Hispanic missionaries with the California Convention. Pray for wisdom in their ministry using outreach projects. Pray also for a co-pastor, the weekly prayer gathering, technical equipment to enhance worship services, jobs for the congregation, and for a youth pastor.

Udy and Edni are church planters with the Canadian National Convention. Pray for Multi-Housing Fellowship to multiply disciples and groups. Pray also for provision as they start Celebrate Recovery Ministry, an in-house/home church program training leaders for healing hurts, habits and hangups.

Margaret Lackey State Missions Offering (WNU Emphasis)

Baptist Foundation Month (MBF Emphasis)

Jim is the director of Southwest Church Planting. Pray for spiritual protection and health for his family. Pray for a new center in Arizona. Also continue to pray for monthly forums, assessments, mentoring, and funding.

Over 21,000 people in Thailand die from HIV/AIDS every year. The HIV/AIDS pandemic is an opportunity to serve the hurting like Jesus did. Pray for Baan Amlaen Children's HIV/AIDS ministry. They visit local hospitals and in homes, ministering in very practical ways. As needs arise, they provide much needed medications, food, and help with shelter.

(1) BAPTIST BUILDING AT HOME DAYS; (2) Mitchell is a church planter working with CBA. Pray for the Bible study group needing a place to start a church. Pray that a door-to-door visiting campaign will result in new believers and new church members.

The Garden of Eden was a sanctuary for God's children. Pray for Baan Eden (Eden House) in northern Thailand which also provides "sanctuary." Eden House is dedicated to extracting young girls from extreme "at risk" situations. One such situation is that Hill tribe girls are sometimes sold by a parent or village member into prostitution or slave labour to help support their drug and/or alcohol addictions.

Stan Felder is a church planter strategist with the Salt Lake Association. Praise God for His blessings on Utah Christian Fellowship as they grow in their temporary location. They want to begin a children's mission program and need a place. Praise God for his provision.

(1) State Senior Adult Rally; Morrison Heights BC, Clinton; (2) Serena is a collegiate missionary with the Illinois Association. Pray for college students serving in missionally and across the globe. Pray for their physical and spiritual health, and for new campus ministries reaching thousands of students on 172 Illinois campuses.

Ron is a NAMIB chaplain/pastoral care manager. Pray for wisdom as he manages pastoral care in six hospitals, three urban and three rural, where he trains local clergy in a hospital setting.

A Mississippi mission group met Mack in Thailand. He attended their English camp for the second year in a row. This year he chose to stay for worship after the camp, returning to church the following Sunday. Please pray for Mack now that seeds have been planted. Pray that God will send someone to water and that He will bring the harvest.

Ken and Sharon are missionaries with the California Convention. Pray for God's provision for children to have a positive experience in academic study. Pray also for Carmelitos Housing Community as Ken works with Antioch Church to start a new worship and Bible study, and for the evangelism conference being planned later this year.

## 2009 BIBLE DRILL CLINICS

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## LEADERSHIP TRAINING CLASSES

For leaders of Bible Buddies (Gr 1-3)

Children's Bible Drill (Gr 4-6)

Student Bible Drill (Gr 7-12)

DATE	LOCATION	TIME
Thursday, 9/10	Diamondhead BC	
	Diamondhead	6:30-8:00 p.m.
Monday, 9/14	Garaywa, Clinton	6:30-8:00 p.m.
Tuesday, 9/15	FBC, Meridian	6:30-8:00 p.m.
Thursday, 9/17	FBC, Batesville	6:30-8:00 p.m.

## BIBLE DRILL LEADERS:

**Student Bible Drill:** Curt Lyles on 9/10, 14 and 17

**Student Bible Drill:** Susan Lott on 9/15  
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**Children's Bible Drill:** Don Hicks on 9/10, 14, 15, 17

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SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2009  
10:30 A.M. - 1:30 P.M.  
Clarksdale Church, Clarksdale, MS

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2009  
2:00 - 4:00 P.M.  
Hernando Church, Hernando, MS

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2009  
4:00 - 8:00 P.M.  
Fairview Church, Columbus, MS

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2009  
10:30 A.M. - 1:30 P.M.  
First Church, Meridian, MS

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2009  
10:30 A.M. - 1:30 P.M.  
William Carey University, Hattiesburg, MS

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2009  
2:00 - 4:00 P.M.  
Grace Memorial Church, Gulfport, MS

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2009  
2:00 - 4:00 P.M.  
First Church, Summit, MS

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Baptist Building, Jackson, MS

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**HOUSE TOPS**



## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



1. New Prospect Church, Oxford



2. Corinth Church, Purvis



4. Berea Church, McCool



6. Pleasant Hill Church, Carthage



7. Main Street Church, Goodman

1. New Prospect Church, Oxford: shown are the participants.
2. Corinth Church, Purvis: July 6 - 10; average attendance, 100. Shown are the participants.
3. Bellevue Church, Thaxton: June 8 - 11; total enrollment, 66; average attendance, 52; offering, \$112.
4. Berea Church, McCool: July; participating, 36. Shown are the participants.
5. Slayden Church, Lamar: Enrollment, 172; twelve professions of faith.
6. Pleasant Hill Church, Carthage: Shown are the participants.
7. Main Street Church, Goodman: Shown are the participants.
8. Steele Church, Forest: Enrollment, 132; average attendance, 111; five decisions for Christ.

## STAFF CHANGES



1. The Winsteads

1. Clear Branch Church, Florence, has called Wilson Winstead as pastor. Shown are Winstead and his wife Gerry.

## COLLEGE NEWS

1. The Mortar Board chapter at Mississippi College was among 67 chapters nationwide to receive the Silver Torch Award in Chicago July 24 - 26. Mortar Board is a national honor society that recognizes seniors for outstanding achievement in scholarship, leadership and service. Shown is president Carrie Kirk receiving the award.
2. William Carey University was named a Military Friendly School for 2010 by G.I. Jobs magazine. Carey is among the top 15% of colleges, universities and trade-schools nationwide to receive the honor.
3. In its new annual ranking of "America's Best Colleges," U.S. News and World Reports ranks Mississippi College number 11 among Southern universities - master's level.
4. Tommy King, president, William Carey University, is shown with Diane Taylor, administrative assistant for advancement and external relations, in recogni-



1. Kirk

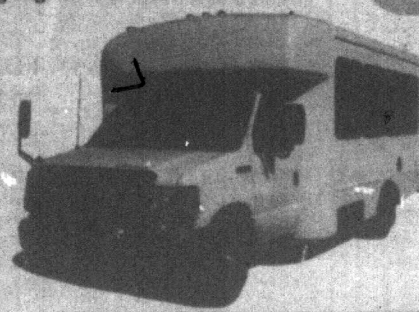


4. King and Taylor  
tion of 25 years of service at a recent faculty/staff appreciation luncheon.

## REVIVALS AND HOMECOMINGS

1. Moak's Creek Church, Lincoln Association: 139th homecoming, Sept. 6; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; worship, 11 a.m., followed by lunch and afternoon service.
2. Siloam Church, Magee: 116th homecoming, Aug. 30; worship, 10:30 a.m., followed by lunch; Brian Lee, speaker.
3. Vardaman Church, Kemper County: Homecoming, Sept. 6; worship, 11 a.m., followed by lunch and 2 p.m.; Jerry Read and Dennis Robinson, speakers; Kim Stovall Rosamond and Jami Jones Meadows, music; Dennis Robinson, pastor.
4. Elon Church, Macon: Homecoming, Sept. 6, 11 a.m., followed by lunch; Sterling Davis, speaker.
5. Branch Church, Scott County: 100th anniversary, Oct. 4; services, 10:30 a.m., followed by lunch; J.B. (Cotton) Miller, speaker; Timothy Phillipson, pastor.
6. Steele Church, Scott County: Revival, Aug. 30 - Sept. 2; Sun., 11 a.m. followed by lunch and 6 p.m.; Mon. - Wed., 6:30 p.m.; Don Taylor, speaker; Reggie Williams, pastor.
7. New Hope Church, Starkville: 125th anniversary, Oct. 4; worship, 11 a.m., followed by pot luck lunch and music by One Way quartet.
8. First Church, Sanford: Revival, Sept. 6 - 9; Sun., 11 a.m., followed by dinner on the grounds and 6 p.m.; Mon. - Wed., 7 p.m.; Bill Nobles, speaker; David Moore, music.
9. First Church, Marion: Revival, Sept. 13 - 16; Sun., 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Mon. - Wed., 7 p.m.; Charles Davis, speaker; Everett Sollie, music; Justin Knight, pastor.

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## JUST FOR THE RECORD



1. New Home Church, Fulton



2. Rocky Point Church, Leake Association



3. Clear Branch Church, Florence



1. New Home Church, Fulton, recently held an Old Fashioned Day. Shown are some of the participants.
2. Rocky Point Church, Leake Association, recently recognized their GAs. Shown are the GAs.
3. Clear Branch Church, Florence, recently celebrated a note burning to mark the early payoff of the church van. Shown are John Middleton, Harry Reynolds, Bobby Campbell, and Tim Byrd.
4. Journey Church, Olive Branch, participated in several mission projects during their "Serving in the Summer" emphasis. Shown are the participants.
5. Philadelphia Church, Etta, licensed Keith Melson to the gospel ministry Aug. 9. Shown are Melson and pastor Bobby Irvin.



4. Journey Church, Olive Branch



5. Melson licensing

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## BIBLE STUDIES FOR LIFE

### Will You Remain Faithful?

Matthew 26:36-46; 1 Peter 4:12-14, 19

By Lori Clendinning

How are things these days? I don't know if it's the economy or the sign of end times, but believers seem to be on edge. Many are encountering attacks for their faith and service to God. This week's lesson offers three resources available to Christians who are paying a high and difficult price for following Jesus:

#### 1. Reach Out to Other Believers

Jesus demonstrated this during the time of His arrest and crucifixion when He asked his closest friends and followers, Peter, James, and John, to remain awake with Him as He prayed in the garden of Gethsemane. Oftentimes, our Christian friends offer tremendous strength and encouragement, getting us through those

dark days when we feel like giving up. Yet, just like Jesus' disciples who ended up snoozing when Jesus was struggling, people are flawed, even in our moment of greatest need. Still, no matter the outcome, reaching out to others is a positive action that is worth taking and just might result with a wealth of strength.

#### 2. Pray and Obey

As Jesus prayed, He affirmed His commitment to obey God's will. We are encouraged to follow God dutifully, even when we don't understand all that He is doing. Yes, our spirits may be willing, our flesh is often weak, yet He is our Heavenly Father, and we must be extra careful to seek His help in resisting temptation. Jesus is our best example as we strive to obey God and follow His path.

Clendinning

but rather he prayed fervently. We could not always see what lay in store, but obeying God wherever He called us was vastly more important than staying with what was familiar, but out of God's perfect will. Furthermore, remaining faithful to God's call requires trusting Him all the more, especially when things get difficult.

#### 3. Glorify God

Peter told his readers to be neither ashamed nor surprised if they suffered because of following God. Being faithful meant they were to continue to do right, entrusting themselves fully to God. Likewise, we should not be surprised if unbelievers insult us for being Jesus' followers. We should always respond to insults in the ways that will honor and glorify God.

Of course, the most difficult attack to bear is one that happens when other believers inflict damage on us. There are too many heartbreaking cases of believers wrongfully hurting fellow Christians. We should all remember that Scripture tells us to BEAR one another's burdens, not to BE one another's burdens.

I grew up in a small, country, "family-run" church where it was simply understood that members there were going to "outlast" the preacher. There was a long-held attitude that the preacher would eventually leave, either by God's hand or by those who would move him on out.

I've seen the results of grudges held for generations against church leaders who wanted to bring about change, both minor and radical. I've also experienced the frustration as both a church member and as a staff wife of trying to be supportive when few in the congregation understood where the preacher or staff members were leading.

I have witnessed anger, bit-

terness, hurt, despair, and depression that came about by these incidents and wondered from age 15 when I was a brand-new believer what Jesus will say to all those who hurt the ones who have been called out to minister in His name.

Again, in Jesus' exemplary life we find that, in the midst of tremendous agony and disappointment at the scattering of His supporters, He continued to be about His Father's business. He forgave those who deeply offended and hurt Him, knowing that their unbelief or immaturity prevented them from knowing what they were doing. Even though He pleaded to God to alter His plan, Jesus wisely submitted His own will to the Father's. He remained faithful.

Whether we turn to mature believers for support, pray for God's insight, or find reason to give Him the glory for our difficult situations, we must remain faithful, too. His is the best and only way; to God be the Glory!

Clendinning is a member of First Baptist Church, Brandon.

## EXPLORE THE BIBLE

### How To Live With Confidence

James 5:1, 4-11, 13-20

By Jim Burnett

Are you a complainer or a proclaimer? Are you a reactive person or proactive? Reactive people react to the weather; proactive people make their own weather.

In this week's lesson James forecasts a bright future ahead for all believers. With the promise that the best is yet to come, let us live this life in complete confidence that our God is in control. Do not get down, for soon you are going up. Until then, however, claim your days as God-ordained and your circumstances as God-ordered. Get busy living in the joy of your salvation and in the power of the Holy Spirit.

#### The Wicked Will Be Punished

(James 5:1, 4-6)

One day God will pull out

his scales of justice and his books of deeds and the wicked man will be weighed and paid for every evil offense committed on earth (Rev. 20:11-12). Although as believers we find no satisfaction in the thought of the depraved suffering, we are encouraged that our God keeps the records and understands our struggles with the wicked. Indeed, He will reward believers for the good we do in His name and punish those who do evil. A day of reckoning is coming.

Be encouraged, child of God, that your name is written in the Lamb's book of life. The One who has promised never to leave you nor forsake you will never leave you nor forsake you. The One who has promised to help you in time of trouble, to comfort you in sorrow, con-

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own lives and warn those living corrupt lives. Let us encourage those we know who are living outside of God's will to turn away from wrong and receive forgiveness through faith in Jesus Christ.

Do you know someone who is in danger of dying without Christ? Have you shared your faith with him or her? Evil deeds are simply symptoms of a life separated from God. Do not be afraid to speak the truth in love to the lost. And do not worry about offending the unbeliever. No one gets saved without being confronted and convicted.

#### Your Future Is Secure

(James 5:7-11)

As Southern Baptists we

sole you during crises, empower you through temptation, and endow you with power from on high, keeps His promises, every single one of them.

hold dear to the doctrine of once saved always saved. What an awesome truth that when the Lord enters our lives it is not for a season but for eternity. But the assurance of our eternal security has not been given to us as permission slips to go and live anyway we want. On the contrary, knowing that nothing can separate us from the love of God infuses us with a supernatural boldness to stand firm for Christ in the face of any and all opposition. With this kind of assurance, what do believers have to fear? And why would we ever want to compromise?

James encourages Christians to live as if Jesus could show at any moment. Let Christ, at His return, catch you doing something good and godly. Do not walk on eggshells. Do not wring your hands and pop your knuckles nervously wondering about your future. You are a child of God, and you have a reservation in heaven. And not even Satan himself can cancel it.

#### Your Prayers Are Powerful

(James 5:13-20)

How would like to live a care-free life? According to Paul it is possible:

"Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. [7] And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus" (Philippi 4:6-7 NIV). The key to worrying less is praying more.

Why is it that sometimes the last thing we do in a situation is pray when it should be the first thing we do? Have you ever heard someone say in the middle of a crisis, well I guess all we can do now is pray? And yet prayer, according to James, is not to be a last ditch effort but a first response to everything.

There is power in prayer because God is on the other end of our prayers. And when the child of God prays by faith, supernatural things happen.

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## JUST FOR THE RECORD



3. Pleasant Hill, Tippah County



4. McAdams Church, McAdams



5. Ecu Church, Pontotoc Association



6. Bethel Church, Smith Association

1. Bunker Hill Church, Columbia, will host a 5th Sunday night sing Aug. 30, 6 p.m.

2. Kreole Avenue Church, Moss Point, will host Harry Day in concert Aug. 30, 6 p.m.

3. The youth of Pleasant Hill Church, Tippah County, held a family weekend and invited youth from area churches to attend an afternoon program with John Yates. Shown are the participants.

4. GAs from McAdams Church, McAdams attended Garaywa Camp and Conference Center this summer. Shown are Hannah Johnson, Bailey McKae, Erica Willis, and Madison McGary.

5. Members of the Baptist Women of Ecu Church, Pontotoc Association, made 40 dresses for the Children Hemmed in Prayer project. Shown are Mabel McGee, Lonnie Webster, Bernice Shumaker, and Carolyn Mounce.

6. Younger youth from Bethel Church, Smith Association, recently toured a science museum. Shown are Jacob McGriff, Abigail Troth, Katlee Goodson, Yewing Medders, Abby McGriff, Anna Carlisle, Cloey Barnes, and Colby Barnes.

7. New Prospect Church, Oxford, recognizes its Bible drill team. Shown are the participants.

8. Center Terrace Church, Canton, ordained Julius McCay as deacon Aug. 2. Shown are pastor Danny Berry, McCay, and Henrietta McCay.

9. Beulah Church, Magee, ordained John Layton as deacon Aug. 16. Shown are Layton, Cathy Layton, and pastor Maxwell Price.

10. Goodwater Church, Lauderdale Association, recently honored Deloris Joiner with a recognition service upon her retirement after serving 48 years as church clerk. Shown are pastor Jim Smith and Joiner.

11. Ellard Church, Bruce, set a goal for the Margaret Lackey State Missions Offering of \$1400 and received \$1546 in 2008. The church's Baptist Women's Mission and Fellowship group sponsored a Mississippi Country Company Dinner Sept. 14, 2008, and is hosting another dinner Sept. 20. Shown are the participants in the 2008 dinner.



7. New Prospect Church, Oxford



8. McCay ordination



9. Layton ordination



10. Joiner recognition



11. Ellard Church, Bruce